

Jennifer Tokarski, DNP, MSN, RN, CCRN

LICENSES/CERTIFICATIONS

- Illinois State RN License 041.446051
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support and Basic Life Support Healthcare Provider
- Critical Care Registered Nurse (CCRN) Certification

WORK EXPERIENCE

Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois

August 2026 - present

Clinical Assistant Professor

- Delivers high-quality instruction to undergraduate nursing students with an emphasis on development of clinical reasoning, critical thinking, and safe nursing practice
- Designs and facilitates engaging, student-centered learning experiences that integrate nursing science and real-world application to facilitate achievement of course and program outcomes
- Assess student learning while providing meaningful feedback and academic support to ensure student success and readiness for professional practice

Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois

Oct 2025 - Aug 2026

Medical-surgical Clinical Instructor

- Provides real-time instruction, supervises, and evaluates students during medical-surgical clinical
- Ensures safe patient care by monitoring student performance with adherence to evidence-based practice and institutional policies/procedures
- Promotes innovative teaching techniques to engage students in critical thinking, clinical competency, and achievement of course outcomes

Lewis University, Romeoville, Illinois

Jan 2026 - June 2026

Adjunct Graduate Nursing Faculty

- Facilitates asynchronous and synchronous online graduate level course: Transformational Leadership
- Serves as a model of professionalism and acts as a resource for students
- Employs a variety of teaching and learning strategies in an online classroom setting
- Provides regular virtual office hours and academic support to promote student engagement and success

Rosalind Franklin University, North Chicago, Illinois

Aug 2024 - June 2026

Critical Care Clinical Instructor

- Supervises, evaluates Masters Entry into Nursing Practice (MENP) students during critical care clinical
- Provides constructive feedback and mentorship to enhance clinical skills and professional development

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, Illinois

May 2022 - August 2026

Neurological Critical Care RN, Charge RN, Preceptor

- Education of patients, families, and colleagues in the role of preceptor, charge nurse, and bedside nurse
- Monitoring patient conditions closely and collaborating directly with interdisciplinary teams to ensure exceptional, attentive care with all needs met
- Collaboration with the simulation lab to design and facilitate ICU nurse education in the simulation lab
- Guest educator - hemodynamics and neurological critical care content for new graduate residency RNs

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, Illinois

Jan 2019 - May 2022

Critical Care Float RN - Clinical Resource Unit

- Floated between the Medical/Cardiac, Surgical, and Neurological Intensive Care Units
- Managed critically ill and unstable patients on ventilators, vasopressors, pulmonary artery catheters, CRRT, IABP, EVD, arterial lines, and epidural pumps
- Worked efficiently and collaboratively under high pressure situations while being primary ICU RN
- Code Team RN in Medical/Cardiac ICU

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, Illinois
Medical-Surgical Telemetry Float RN - Clinical Resource Unit

Aug 2016 - Jan 2019

- Floated between various medical, surgical, and telemetry units
- Close monitoring, appropriate management, and escalation of care for 1-5 patients

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, Illinois
Orthopedic Nursing Care Technician

Jan 2015 - Aug 2016

- Demonstrated collaborative, safe, and patient-centered care under supervision of Registered Nurses

EDUCATION

Lewis University, Romeoville, Illinois
Doctor of Nursing Practice, GPA 4.0

Jan 2024 – December 2025

Lewis University, Romeoville, Illinois
Master of Science in Nursing - Nursing Education, GPA 4.0

August 2021 – Dec 2023

University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Magna Cum Laude

August 2012 – May 2016

AWARDS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

- Poster Presentation: Lewis University Celebration of Scholarship, 2026
- Poster Presentation: National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists (NACNS), 2026
- DNP Scholarly Project: Improving Nurse Interpreter Use and Self-Efficacy Through Experiential Mobile Cart Microteaching
- Podium Presentation: Advocate Health Nursing Research & Professional Development Conference, 2025
- Poster Presentation: Advocate Lutheran General Hospital Internal Symposium, 2025
- Poster Presentation: National Teaching Institute & Critical Care Exposition (NTI), 2025
- Advocate Lutheran General Hospital Nurse of the Year Award Winner, 2024
- Advocate Lutheran General Hospital Catalyst for Change Winner, 2024
- Lewis University BSN Student Tutoring Program, 2023
- Lewis University Academic Achievement Award, 2023
- Lewis University Academic Achievement Award, 2025
- Daisy Award Nominee, 2024
- Advocate Lutheran General Hospital Nurse of the Year Award Nominee, 2023
- MSN Scholarly Project:

OTHER SKILLS

- Proficient in Blackboard Ultra, Sakai Learning Management System, Zoom
- Proficient in EPIC, CareConnection, PerfectServe, Workday, Healthstream
- Proficient in Microsoft: Outlook, Excel, PowerPoint, Word, Teams, Sharepoint, Forms
- Fluent in Polish (Oral, Written)
- Conversational in Spanish